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Fresh Perspectives

This is the story of 4 freshmen picked to have their UNC lives recorded ...

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UNC's class of 2004 has landed. And each one of the 3,400 new faces has a story to tell and a fresh perspective.

We chose four. Over the next nine months, The Daily Tar Heel will chart the lives of these first-year students as they move in, rush, join student organizations, study, take exams and return home.

The first year of school is a turning point for most students. This series will examine how life at UNC — intellectually and socially — turns a wide-eyed high school graduate into a seasoned college student.

Here's a look at these four freshmen as they begin their fresh start.

Looming Decisions

"Don't believe me when I say I like something," freshman S.J. Barrie-Chapman says.

But someone who considers herself to be an academic overachiever knows what she wants, right?

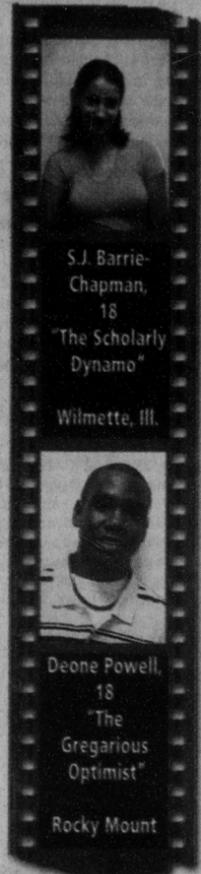
Not S.J. She has a lot of decisions to make after only being at UNC for a little more than a week. And they all hinge on what she likes.

The first thing that the freshman from Wilmette, Ill., wants to set in stone is her major. Before she arrived at UNC, it was journalism and mass communication, which morphed into biomedical engineering.

But psychology is also a viable option. Oh, and there's history, which intrigues her "beyond belief."

"I'm so scared of choosing a major," she said.

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S.J. Barrie-Chapman, 18
"The Scholarly Dynamo"

Wilmette, Ill.



Deone Powell, 18
"The Gregarious Optimist"

Rocky Mount



Kent Welch, 18
"The Laid-Back Twin"

Winston-Salem



Katie Welch, 18
"The Go-Getter Twin"

Winston-Salem



S.J. Barrie-Chapman (left) eats dinner and shares laughs with friends in Lenoir Dining Hall. She said her favorite part of UNC is the welcoming atmosphere.

DTH/KATE MELLIK



Freshman twins Katie and Kent Welch look for their friends after Sunday church service.

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ATN Offers New Site For E-mail

Officials say the new site allows more flexibility for students who want to check their e-mail on the Internet.

BY ELIZABETH BREYER
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Students at UNC now have another choice when they feel the need to check their University e-mail from any location.

UNC Webmail, provided by Academic Technology & Networks, allows students with a UNC user ID to log in to their e-mail account from any Web browser that connects to the Internet and is Javascript-enabled.

"If you're familiar with Hotmail, this is very much the same thing — you can use any Web browser to connect to your e-mail address and read your e-mail," said Judd Knott, director of academic systems for ATN.

Knott said this new Web mail service is superior to any of the other available alternatives.

He said students can still access their mail through the Internet by dialing into Pine through a Telnet system, but that the new system has many features that Pine does not. "With this new service, you can go anywhere in the world, check your mail through UNC, and access the same address book, folders and preferences that you have here."

Knott also said he recommends using the new service instead of one available at uncwebmail.com. That service, started by James Godwin, a sophomore computer science major from Wilmington, is not officially affiliated with UNC.

But Godwin said his site is easier to use than the ATN version.

"When I came here as a freshman, I couldn't believe a school this size didn't offer a service like this, so I decided to come up with this as an alternative," he said. "I think it's been very successful — more than 2,000 people a day checked their mail there over the summer."

Godwin cited problems with the new site such as images that take a long time to load and strict browser requirements as reasons why his site is easier to use.

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N.C. State Assailant Still at Large

Police say they are still looking for the man who shot a student in the jaw outside the N.C. State campus bookstore Thursday.

BY LUCAS FENSKÉ
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RALEIGH — An N.C. State University student shot by an unknown assailant outside the campus bookstore spent the weekend recovering with his family.

The student, sophomore Robert Baumgart of Weddington, was sitting in a parked vehicle on Dunn Avenue around 10 p.m. Thursday, when he was shot once in the cheek.

Baumgart said the bullet ricocheted off his jaw bone and traveled downward.

He said the bullet is lodged in his neck and will have to be removed later to prevent internal injuries. "In the doctor's words, this is a miracle," Baumgart said. "They don't understand why I'm still alive."

He said the doctors put him through several tests, but took no further action.

"They gave me a physical, that's it," said Baumgart, who was released from Wake Medical Center on Friday morning.

He said Sunday that he did not know if he would attend classes today.

The assailant is still at large, but police released a sketch Saturday based on an ATM surveillance photo and eyewitness accounts.

Lt. Jon Barnwell said N.C. State campus police have stepped up patrols and alerted campus residents of the assault.

Police are still searching for a black male, 6 feet tall, in his early 20s. The suspect weighs about 155 pounds and was wearing a dark shirt, police reports state. He was also wearing a khaki turban and driving a small to medium-sized white car, reports state.

Police did not say whether they have any leads, but say they have several witnesses to the incident.

N.C. State sophomore Jeffrey Smith, Baumgart's roommate, said he and Baumgart were sitting in the front seat of Smith's car when the assailant approached a nearby vehicle. "He opened a door, picked up something, and turned around towards us," he said. "He was asking about some club or student activity."

Smith said he turned around to ask the passengers in the car, including Baumgart, if they knew anything about the club or activity.

He said when he turned back around to address the assailant, the assailant was holding a gun. "I think he was scared by me turning," he said. "There was a blinding flash of light and the shot deafened me. My ears are still ringing."

Baumgart said there has been an outpouring of support from the N.C. State community and his family. "I've gotten cards and calls from friends and family," he said.

The shooting caught some N.C. State students, especially those new to campus, by surprise.

N.C. State freshman Joe Gosiewski of East Hanover, N.J., said the incident left him shaken.

"I was shocked," Gosiewski said. "It was so unnerving. I live on North Campus and have to walk along (Dunn Avenue) every day to get to class."

Gosiewski said N.C. State officials sent warnings to students across campus, telling them not to be out alone at night and to exercise caution.

He also said campus police have been more visible in the area in the shooting's aftermath.

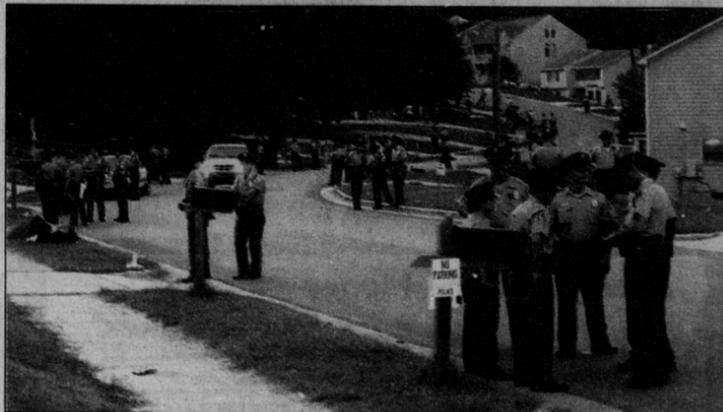
Despite the extra security measures, some students are still feeling scared.

N.C. State freshman Jamie Newsome of Rocky Mount said she has been more cautious since the shooting. "I haven't been going out here late at night."

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Police released this sketch of the alleged gunman Sunday.



DTH/MILLER PEARSALL

Five hundred police officers were stationed at Brent Road on Saturday night at the annual block party held on the first weekend after classes begin at N.C. State University.

Police Quash Block Party

BY LUCAS FENSKÉ
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RALEIGH — A line of blue-uniformed police officers stood on Raleigh's Brent Road keeping a watchful eye on partygoers as they walked down the sidewalk or sat in their yards drinking beer.

The Saturday night scene was in stark contrast to the parties of years past, where thousands lived it up in the open-air bash near N.C. State University. The crowd was smaller. The police were stricter.

In short, it just wasn't Brent Road.

According to the Associated Press, 374 people were cited and 51 arrested on a variety of charges, including open alcohol containers on city property and breaking Raleigh's noise ordinances.

Police asked partyers playing loud music or even talking loudly to tone it down, making even the chirps of crickets audible on a street where a year ago you couldn't hear a nearby person.

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The brighter you are, the more you have to learn.

Don Herold